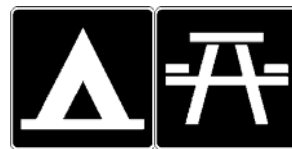


# TONTO National Forest



Recreation  
Opportunity  
Guide

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CAMPING AND PICNICKING

## MESQUITE

### **RANGER DISTRICT**

Cave Creek Ranger Station  
40202 N. Cave Creek Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85262  
Phone: (480) 595-3300  
Fax: (480) 595-3346

### **RELATED OPPORTUNITIES**

Canoeing, fishing and wildlife observation

### **SEASON OF USE**

All year

### **ELEVATION**

1900 feet

### **FACILITIES**

12 campsites  
Picnic tables and grills  
Vault toilets  
Trash service  
**No drinking water** available

### **LOCATION AND ACCESS**

The site is 22 miles northeast of Carefree. From Carefree, take Cave Creek Road to Forest Road (FR) 205 and turn right. Continue on FR 205 for 6 miles to the junction of FR 205 and FR 19. At this junction, FR 19 to Bartlett Reservoir begins and is paved to the Bartlett Reservoir. FR 205 turns left and becomes a maintained unpaved road and continues to Horseshoe Reservoir. Continue approximately nine miles more on FR 205, following the route to Horseshoe Reservoir. Watch for the sign marking the site.

### **ATTRACTIONS**

- Horseshoe Reservoir and Verde River are nearby. Opportunities abound for water activities such as fishing.
- This site is located along Verde River and is wooded with large mesquite shade trees.
- Bald eagles and great blue herons are frequently seen in this vicinity.

### **FEES**

\$4.00 per vehicle  
\$2.00 per watercraft per day

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

- CAUTION:** Portions of the Verde River are deep. Poor swimmers should use caution.
- Not recommended** for trailers
- Use of motorized watercraft on flowing portions of the Verde River **is prohibited**

### **NEAREST COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

**Carefree & Cave Creek:** All services

### **RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES**

- Arizona Rivers and Streams Guide*, Arizona State Parks
- Verde River Recreation Guide*, Jim Slingluff